GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Services – PR&RD Department – Departmental Proceedings against Sri B. Venkata Ratnam, the then Panchayat Secretary, Ravulapalem Gram Panchayat, Ravulapalem Mandal now at Angara Gram Panchayat, Kapileswarapuram Mandal, East Godavari District under the provisions of Rule 20 of the A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.661 **Dated:09.12.2021**

Read:

G.O.Rt.No.654, PR&RD (VIG.III) Department, dt:09.12.2021

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ORDER:

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri B. Venkata Ratnam, the then Panchayat Secretary, Ravulapalem Gram Panchayat, Ravulapalem Mandal now at Angara Gram Panchayat, Kapileswarapuram Mandal, East Godavari District in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules 1991.

2. The substance of the imputation of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of Article of Charge (Annexure-I). A statement of the imputations of misconduct or mis-behavour in support of each article of chare is enclosed (Annexure – II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the Article of Charge are proposed to be sustained are enclosed (Annexure-III & IV).

3. Sri B. Venkata Ratnam, the then Panchayat Secretary, Ravulapalem Gram Panchayat, Ravulapalem Mandal now at Angara Gram Panchayat, Kapileswarapuram Mandal, East Godavari District is directed to submit his written statement of defence within (10) days from the date of receipt of this Order.

4. Sri B. Venkata Ratnam, the then Panchayat Secretary, Ravulapalem Gram Panchayat, Ravulapalem Mandal now at Angara Gram Panchayat, Kapileswarapuram Mandal, East Godavari District is informed that an enquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charges as are not admitted. He should therefore, specifically, admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri B. Venkata Ratnam, the then Panchayat Secretary, Ravulapalem Gram Panchayat, Ravulapalem Mandal now at Angara Gram Panchayat, Kapileswarapuram Mandal, East Godavari District is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defense on or before the date specified in Para-3 above or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Service (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 or the order/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiry Authority may hold the inquiry against him exparte, based on the material available on record.

6. Sri B. Venkata Ratnam, the then Panchayat Secretary, Ravulapalem Gram Panchayat, Ravulapalem Mandal now at Angara Gram Panchayat,

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Kapileswarapuram Mandal, East Godavari District is invited to Rule 24 of the A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules 1964, under which no Government Servant shall being or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from any person in respect of any matter dealt within these Proceedings, it will be presumed that Sri B. Venkata Ratnam, the then Panchayat Secretary, Ravulapalem Gram Panchayat, Ravulapalem Mandal now at Angara Gram Panchayat, Kapileswarapuram Mandal, East Godavari District is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules 1964.

7. The receipt of the proceedings shall be acknowledged along with Annexure-I, II, III & IV.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri B. Venkata Ratnam, the then Panchayat Secretary, Ravulapalem Gram Panchayat, Ravulapalem Mandal now at Angara Gram Panchayat, Kapileswarapuram Mandal, East Godavari District through the Commissioner, PR&RD, Tadepalli, Guntur District.
The Commissioner, PR&RD, Tadepalli, Guntur District (With a request to serve the order on the charged Officer and furnish acknowledgment with dated signature for record).
Sf/Sc.

//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTON OFFICER

(PTO for Annexures)

ANNEXURE – I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI B. VENKATA RATNAM, THE THEN PANCHAYAT SECRETARY, RAVULAPALEM GRAM PANCHAYAT, RAVULAPALEM MANDAL NOW AT ANGARA GRAM PANCHAYAT, KAPILESWARAPURAM MANDAL, EAST GODAVARI DISTRICT

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Article-I :

That the said Sri B. Venkata Ratnam, the then Panchayat Secretary, Ravulapalem Gram Panchayat, Ravulapalem Mandal now at Angara Gram Panchayat, Kapileswarapuram Mandal, East Godavari District has allowed unauthorised layouts and issued building permissions without the approval of the District Collector.

Thereby, responsible for the loss of Revenue to the Government Department, which is a serious lapse on his part.

Thus, Sri B. Venkata Ratnam, the then Panchayat Secretary, Ravulapalem Gram Panchayat, Ravulapalem Mandal now at Angara Gram Panchayat, Kapileswarapuram Mandal, East Godavari District by his above mentioned acts, has exhibited misconduct, lack of absolute integrity, discipline and sense of propriety and also conduct unbecoming of post held by him and thereby contravened the Rule 3 of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules – 1964.

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ANNEXURE – II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI B. VENKATA RATNAM, THE THEN PANCHAYAT SECRETARY, RAVULAPALEM GRAM PANCHAYAT, RAVULAPALEM MANDAL NOW AT ANGARA GRAM PANCHAYAT, KAPILESWARAPURAM MANDAL, EAST GODAVARI DISTRICT.

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The V&E officials along with officials of Panchayat Raj & Rural Development visited the lands in Sy.Nos. 312/3, 313/1, 312/4, 313/4, 313/10, 95/08, 94/07, 234/7, 39/5, 95/5, 95/6, 318/1, 2, 73/1, 94/3, 4, 5, 42/2, 251, 253/01, 238/03, 251, 263/2, 104/2, 68/3, 4, 5, 65/5, 65/2, 65/6, 65/4, 65/7, 65/8, 97/2, 97/3, 98/6, 7, 8, 109/5, 61/4, 99/1, 13/2, 42/2, 99/4, 98/1, 98/2, 306/6, 306/5, 304/5, 305/1, 2, 306/10, 370/2, 94/5, 94/2, 239/2, 3, 4, 238/04, 94/1, 2, 253/03, 306/07, 255/06, 256/05, 256/01, 43/02, 96/02, 96/03, 88/01, 238/05, 251, 252/5, 9, 10, 85/2, 85/01, 15/6, 70/1, 2, 72/1, 88/4, 281/10, 311/7, 87/3A, 87/5A, 89/1B, 95/6A, 251,261/3A, 311/4, 263/01 of Ravulapalem Panchayat.

It is noticed that an agricultural land to an extent of Ac. 93.93 Cts was converted into non agricultural purpose and developed as plots (irregular layout) without obtaining required permissions from the competent authorities. Hence, there occurred a loss of Rs.21,15,58,703/- to Panchayat Raj Department in the form of various kinds of fees to be paid by the realtors/site owners as detailed below:

i)	Detection in Ravulapalem GP	Rs. 16,33,20,734/-
ii)	Detection in Ravulapadu GP	Rs.4,82,37,969/-
	Total Detection	**Rs. 21,15,58,703/-**

In Vigilance Report No.03 (C.No:5719/V&E/D1/2018,dt:08.01.2019, the V&E has reported that Sri B Venkata Ratnam, while working as Panchayat Secretary Ravulapalem Gram Panchayat, Ravulapalem Mandal now at Angara Gram Panchayat, Kapileswarapuram Mandal, East Godavari District from 10.06.2011 to 24.09.2011 has given approvals for 8 building plans (Annexure – 10A). He should have obtained the approval of the District Collector as per the G.O.Ms.No.67, Dt:26.02.2002 before approval of the building plan. As a public servant he deliberately stated that due to political influence he had given building approvals in unauthorized layouts in Ravulapalem GP. Thus, it is clearly established that, unauthorized layouts were allowed and issued building permissions without the approval of the District Collector.

Hence the Charge.

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ANNEXURE – III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI B. VENKATA RATNAM, THE THEN PANCHAYAT SECRETARY, RAVULAPALEM GRAM PANCHAYAT, RAVULAPALEM MANDAL NOW AT ANGARA GRAM PANCHAYAT, KAPILESWARAPURAM MANDAL, EAST GODAVARI DISTRICT ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

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G.A.(V&E) Dept, Report No.03 (C.No:5719/V&E/D1/2018,dt:08.01.2019.

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ANNEXURE – IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI B. VENKATA RATNAM, THE THEN PANCHAYAT SECRETARY, RAVULAPALEM GRAM PANCHAYAT, RAVULAPALEM MANDAL NOW AT ANGARA GRAM PANCHAYAT, KAPILESWARAPURAM MANDAL, EAST GODAVARI DISTRICT ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

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